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Threat to Shoot Nixon Charged

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Police arrested a man here Wednesday after a telephone operator reported he told her he wanted to shoot President Nixon, then still in San Francisco across the bay.

George Donahue, 28, was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Richard Goldsmith in San Francisco on a charge of threatening the life of the President.

Police said they picked up Donahue at his home where operator Felicia Harris, 24, had kept him engaged in conversation for 20 minutes.

Officers said they found a loaded .22-caliber rifle in the home.

Donahue denied he had threatened the President. He told Goldsmith he had discussed the idea of shooting him with Miss Harris and that there was a difference between that and a threat.

Donahue said he was an unemployed printer's helper who was awaiting discharge from the Marines.

The U.S. Commissioner ordered Donahue held in custody.